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NODIS CHEROKEE

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH FAHMY

1. I MET EARLY THIS AFTERNOON WITH FAHMY TO ASK HIM TO ARRANGE A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SADAT TO DELIVER PRESIDENT FORD'S LETTER. HE READILY AGREED. AS HAS BEEN OUR CUSTOM, I SHOWED HIM THE LETTER. HE LIKED IT AND THOUGHT SADAT WOULD BE PLEASED. I AM SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT AT 2100 LOCAL TONIGHT AT THE PYRAMIDS. FAHMY WILL ALSO BE THERE.

2. FAHMY WAS CONSIDERABLY MORE RELAXED TODAY THEN YESTERDAY. I TOLD HIM OF YOUR LETTERS TO KING KHALID, THE SHAH AND BOURGUIBA AND ALSO ABOUT OUR CIRCULAR INSTRUCTION TO OUR AFRICAN POSTS TO CONSULT WITH EGYPTIAN COLLEAGUES IN ORDER TO MAKE FOLLOW-UP APPROACHES TO HOST GOVERNMENTS. FAHMY WAS APPRECIATIVE. HE ASKED ONLY WE NOT RPT NOT GIVE THE IMPRESSION ANYWHERE THAT THESE USG COMMUNICATIONS AND APPROACHES ARE BEING MADE AT GOE'S REQUEST. I TOLD HIM THAT HE NEED NOT WORRY ON THIS SCORE. HE ALSO ASKED IF WE HAVE DONE SOMETHING ABOUT THE ISRAELI CARGO MATTER. (CAIRO 8872) I TOLD HIM I HAD REPORTED HIS COMMENTS.

3. FAHMY SAID THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR IN DAMASCUS

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HAD YESTERDAY MADE A STRONG DEMARCHE ALONG THE LINES

HE HAD EARLIER TOLD ME ABOUT (CAIRO 8848). THE SYRIANS, AS THEY ALWAYS DO WHEN CONFRONTED WITH STRONG TALK, HAD TONED DOWN. SIMILARLY, IN ORDER TO INDICATE STRONG GOE DISPLEASURE WITH THE CZECH PRIMIN'S CRITICAL COMMENTS, FAHMY HAS GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS TO ONE OF HIS UNDERSECRETARIES IMMEDIATELY TO SUMMON THE CZECH AMBASSADOR. HE IS TO TELL THE CZECH AMBASSADOR THAT, UNLESS SUCH CZECH ATTACKS ON THE AGREEMENT STOP, THE GOE WILL BEGIN PUBLIC ATTACKS ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE "MASSACRE" WHICH TOOK PLACE IN THAT COUNTRY A FEW YEARS AGO.

4. IN SHORT, FAHMY WAS FEELING RATHER SELF- SATISFIED TODAY. HIS ONLY COMPLAINT WAS THAT THE PRESIDENT NORMALLY SLEEPS MOST OF THE DAY, BUT THEN ENGAGES IN REPEATED TELEPHONE CALLS TO HIM AFTER NINE AT NIGHT ABOUT ALL KINDS OF MATTERS.

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